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RENOWNED SPORTS COLUMNIST BRINGS STORY OF FAMOUS GOLFER TO UM MISSOULA-

Ron Rapoport, a sports columnist with the Chicago Sun-Times and regular commentator on NPR's Weekend Edition, will read from his forthcoming biography of golfer Bobby Jones Wednesday, April 20, at The University of Montana. The reading begins at 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Theater and is free and open to the public.

"The Immortal Bobby: Bobby Jones and the Golden Age of Golf" tells the story of the only man to have won golf's Grand Slam -- all four major tournaments in a season. Rapoport reveals the struggle Jones faced in 1930 as he won the Grand Slam when the pressure of competition grew so intense he could take no pleasure in winning.

Rapoport has written two other books, including a biography about Marion Jones and has edited an anthology of sports reporting by women. As part of his visit to UM, he will meet with students in the School of Journalism's sports reporting class, with sports reporters working for student media, and health and human performance classes.

Rapoport's visit is sponsored by the UM Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and the School of Journalism. For more information, call Michael Downs, visiting assistant professor, at 243-6720.

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